

I am a certified interpreter working occasionally in a VRS center. I am against doing legal calls (depositions etc.) through VRS. The FCC has mandated that we accept all calls coming in (with a few waivers) and this should be waived. The reason is that I am not a legal interpreter. I am not trained in the legal vocabulary nor am I familiar with the process. Legal interpreting requires many hours of training before even starting to begin to practice. Although some interpreters would be qualified for such work, not all of the VRS interpreters in the US are. Since calls are randomly sent to the next available interpreter, it does not make sense to gamble on the importance of these situations. Although I would do my best, I am human and not a machine. Calls of such a vocabulary specific situation should not be sent to VRS.